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GENERAL ORDERS, }
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 22, 1863.

The privilege of legitimate trade to and from the cities of Washington and Georgetown are daily and flagrantly abused. The Capital of the Nation is made a depôt of supplies for traitors and their confederates.

To arrest this evil, it is ordered that on and after May 25, 1863, all goods, of whatever description, offered for transport at any of the outlets or highways leading from the District of Columbia, shall be carefully examined by a commissioned officer, to be hereafter detailed for such duty; and if not found to be carried by a permit issued by authority of the Military Governor of the District, that such goods shall be seized and turned over to the Provost Marshal of the District, for confiscation and sale as provided in like cases.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.